1928, of the 40,000 Jewish families only 54-3 per cent paid communal taxes, 38-8 per cent were in receipt of relief, and of 6-9 the position was unknown. Of the taxpayers, 62-7 per cent paid the lowest contribution—about *$1* a year—and thus stood near the brink of destitution; and only between one-fourth and one-fifth of the Jewish families seem to have enjoyed a more or less adequate income.

The precarious position of the Jews in Poland is rendered even more serious by the stoppage of emigration to America, which, during the first years after the War, counterbalanced their considerable natural increase. Now a livelihood has to be found, not for the existing Jewish population alone, but for a yearly increase of about 30,000. So far no solution has been discovered for this problem. The American Joint Eeconstruction Foundation endeavours to provide a good industrial education for young Jews; in Poland, as well as in Russia, by means of credit associations, which give loans for productive purposes, it tries to help the Jews over the present difficult times, till new industrial developments and a revival of trade with Russia may ofier them a livelihood. Until then the economic position of the Jews in Poland must remain extremely serious.

Slightly better than in Poland is the position of the Jews in the Northern Border-States of Russia—in Latvia and

Lithuania. Their numbers are smaller—in Poland they form 10-4 per cent of the population, in Lithuania only 7-6, and in Latvia 5; there is therefore less internal competition among them. Jewish commerce in Latvia and Lithuania has, however, suffered considerably. Since 1919-1921, when under the agrarian reform the big landed estates were broken up into small farms which are largely based on self-consumption, the commerce in agricultural produce, which was almost entirely in Jewish hands, has shrunk. Moreover, the Jews have lost their employment as agents and factors of the big landowners. Further, in Lithuania the setting up of a monopoly for the sale of spirituous liquors has damaged